

CHAPTER 488

(Senate Bill 418)

AN ACT concerning

Statute of Limitations - ~~Assault and~~ Battery

FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations applicable to actions for ~~assault and~~ battery; and providing for the ~~applicability~~ application of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-101.

A civil action at law shall be filed within three years from the date it accrues unless another provision of the Code provides a different period of time within which an action shall be commenced.

5-105.

An action for ~~-[~~assault, [battery,] libel~~-]-~~ or slander shall be filed within one year from the date it accrues.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to any cause of action arising on or after July 1, 1988.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.